THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Discounts to the customers on purchase of cloth is given by N.T.C. during the festival seasons.

(b) The range of discounts offered to the customers vary between 10 to 15 per cent.

(c) *No, Sir.*

(d) Does not arise.

(e) 10 per cent discount is given during the Ramzan month in a large number of NTC showrooms.

Criteria for Determining Nutritional Deficiency Areas

1323. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *ALIAS* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for determining the nutritional deficiency areas;

(b) what are the details of such areas in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Malnutrition is widely prevalent in our country. Rather than a criteria for nutritionally deficient areas it is the population from which vulnerable group of people are identified. These include children below 5 years, pregnant and nursing mothers, people living in tribal and remote areas and slum areas.

The criteria most often used is anthropometric measurements especially in children 1-5 years. These indicators describe the percentage of individuals below a specified out off point. In surveys conducted by National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau, (NNMB) children having body weight-for-age values 90 per cent of the standard and above are normal, those having weight between 75 and 90 per cent have mild or Grade I malnutrition, those with weight between 60 and 75 per cent are categorised as mode-rate or Grade II and those below 60 per cent of standard are suffering from Grade III or severe malnutrition.

(b) Studies have been conducted by NNMB in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The areas surveyed are:

Rae Bareli	Rural
Saharanpur	
Kanpur	Urban
Lucknow	

The degree of malnutrition identified is as follows:—

	Normal	Malnutrition	Moderate malnutrition	Severe malnutrition
Rural	21.1%	49.8%	27.7%	1.4%
Urban (Middle Income Group)	48.4%	34.8%	17.2%	..
Slum	13.1%	49.2%	32.8%	4.9%

As per ICDS annual reports (1985-86) the nutritional grades of 0— 6 years children in U.P. are:—

Normal	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
38.33%	28.13%	19.54%	7.30%	2.4%

(c) The Govt. of India have initiated a number of nutrition programmes in different states including U. P. Such programmes are:—

1. Prophylaxis programme against blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency.

2. Prophylaxis programme to prevent nutritional anemia in mothers and children.

3. Goitre Control Programme.

4. Integrated Child Development services Scheme (ICDS).

5. Special Nutrition Programme (SNP).

6. Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP).

7. Mid-day Meal Programme.

Remittances Received from NRIs

1324. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to attract remittances from NRIs from all over the world;

(b) the reasons for which interest rate for FCNR deposits was reduced from 13,95 per cent offered four years back; and

(c) whether the Nationalised Banks functioning in foreign countries will be permitted to receive NRI Deposits and to issue Deposit Receipts as per the law of those countries to infuse confidence among the depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Government has been floating schemes to attract NRI remittance from time to time. New schemes have also been proposed as part of the budget proposals for 1991-92.

(b) FCNR deposits did not carry an interest rate of 13.95 per cent per annum four years ago. The interest rates on FCNR Deposits are regularly reviewed in the light of prevailing interest rates in overseas markets so that they are not at significant variance with the interest rates abroad, yet are attractive enough for NRIs to invest in India.

(c) Six public sector banks have been granted permission to accept FCNR deposits and issue receipts at their branches abroad in conformity with the local laws.

अल्पसंख्यक आयोग की सिफारिशें

1325 **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अल्पसंख्यक आयोग के नवीनतम प्रतिवेदन में क्या क्या सिफारिशें अंतर्विष्ट हैं;

(ख) सरकार ने अब तक उनमें से कितनी सिफारिशें स्वीकार की हैं और कितनों को लागू कर दिया गया है; और

(ग) वे कौन-कौन सी सिफारिशें हैं जिनको सरकार ने स्वीकार नहीं किया है और इसका क्या कारण है?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्रीमती के. कमला कुमारी) : (क) से (ग) अल्पसंख्यक आयोग की 1989-90 की 12वीं वार्षिक रिपोर्ट आयोग द्वारा 12-7-1991 को कल्याण मंत्री को प्रस्तुत की गई थी। सिफारिशों पर निर्णय जांच के बाद लिया जाएगा।

Stipend paid to B.H.M.S. interns by Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College

1326. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of stipend paid to B.H.M.S. interns by the